

## THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.  
 SUMMER THEATRE CORNELL-VARIETY.  
 DRIVER'S SUMMER GARDEN-CORSET.  
 A. B. B. SUMMER GARDEN-CORSET.

## Special Weather Bulletin.

The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says:  
 Local rains are probable for to-day in New England, Middle Atlantic States, Lake region and Ohio valley, but on Friday generally cooler and fair weather in those districts.

## The Critic in Georgetown.

Copies of THE EVENING CRITIC may be had and subscriptions left at E. K. Lundy's book and stationery store, 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

About People and Things in Washington.

GOOD BILL at the Congress this week.

If you would enjoy good music go to Abner's garden.

STREET-LAMPS will be lighted at 6:30 p. m. and extinguished at 3:45 a. m.

WALTER PARKER, white and a vagrant, was to-day sent down for 30 days.

MIRIAM PARKER, 5-cent stovepipe—direct from the factory, 1734 Paav.

THIRTY-SEVEN arrests were made by the police during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m.

JOHN WILLIAMS, colored, for making the street a dumping ground for his rubbish, was to-day fined \$3.

The principal part of the session of the Police Court to-day was taken up with minor cases of assault.

SAMUEL W. SANBUTTE was fined \$10 to-day by Judge Bundy, for beating Louisa W. Minor (his wife).

IN CONSEQUENCE of the sad news of his mother's death in Europe, Mr. Hahn's store will be closed until Saturday evening.

Mrs. "OLIVIA" wants Maple Square for the location of the East Capitol postal station.

"Olivia" loves maple sugar taffy.

TEMPER'S VIENNA ORCHESTRA, now performing in Cincinnati, will shortly appear at Abner's popular summer garden.

PURCHASERS looking for school books and school stationery can find a complete stock at Roberts', 1010 Seventh street northwest.

SCHOOL HATS in large quantities and varieties can be secured at reasonable prices at King's Palace, 814 Seventh street northwest.

THE ENCOUNTER of the Washington Cadets last night at the Germania Schuetzen Park was a very orderly affair, and the receipts were more than were expected.

JOHN J. JENNS and E. Gibbons, colored, were accused of an assault on William H. Parks yesterday in Georgetown, in the Police Court, where they were each fined \$25, or sixty days in jail.

FIRST AND H STREETS northwest and vicinity was treated to a splendid serenade last night. The music was first class, and was evidently appreciated, judging by the number of ghostly, white-clad forms at the windows.

THE FOLLOWING Washington boys, graduates of the High School, will leave the city this week to join the freshman class of the Lehigh University for engineering courses: Theodore W. Birney, Lafayette B. Petersen and L. Tolman.

IN THE CASE for divorce of Frances Von Haake vs. Adolf Von Haake, Judge Wylie ordered that defendant be required to show cause on September 10 why he should not be required to pay alimony pendente lite and expenses of the suit.

R. J. ASHBY, at his antiquarian book store, No. 1705 Pennsylvania avenue, has school books and school supplies in great variety. Students and readers will find his circulating library valuable. Old books are bought, sold or exchanged.

THE SCHOOLS will all open again on Monday next and school books will be in demand. C. C. Purcell, at his well-equipped store, 422 Ninth street northwest, has books and supplies for every grade of public or private schools. In fact, he has everything for school use and at the lowest prices.

TO-MORROW EVENING Col. F. A. Reed, of the Masonic Committee on the Yorktown Celebration, will arrive in Washington and arrange with the Columbia Lodge, Mr. W. H. Browne, Engineer, Commander, for the accommodation of the Washington lodge at Yorktown during the coming centennial.

THE CITY Post-office was perfectly deluged to-day by petitioners from East Washington as to the location of the new postal station. Every citizen has his idea of the proper point, but the greater portion ask for East Capitol street. This evening Postmaster Ainger will decide upon the locality, and Third and East Capitol streets will probably be the result.

THE grand jury of the Criminal Court of Baltimore yesterday indicted Constables Edward A. Healey and Geoffrey Koffenberger, on the charge of assaulting Andrew Hoebl, a baker. Hoebl was arrested on August 3, and brought to this city on a criminal charge, when it was discovered that he was not the man wanted, and he was released.

COL. M. M. PARKER, Assistant City Postmaster, to-day made a very valuable purchase—a handsome meerschaum pipe highly colored and silver-mounted. He evidently bought it to make a presentation, for when asked: "Did you buy it for a meerschaum?" He answered, "No, I bought it for a Postmaster." There is undoubtedly Ainger that he will make the presentation.

THE COUNTRY will learn with a thrill of pleasure that "Attorney-General MacVeagh, who has been much depressed for ten days, feels better." If he would take a dose of salts and an after-dinner pill now and then he would feel comparatively well.

INDIANAPOLIS TRIBUNE. "Wouldn't do him one 'midnight' of good, for he would work the salts instead of the salts working him."—National Republican.

THE contract for carrying the mail between this city and the Georgetown Post-office, is leased for such a ridiculously low figure—\$250 per annum—that the contractor cannot employ a decent vehicle or a healthy horse. The present outfit is a disgrace to our Government, being a ramshackle wagon and an equine who appears to be of a character to suggest the boneyard. The Department proposes to make a change and employ a respectable-looking conveyance.

"JENNIES HESSEY GANT" is the name of a colored "crank" who divides his time between beating his wife and preaching religion on the street corners. The man seems to think he will always be exempt from punishment by the law because the doctors always pronounce him under the influence of liquor and refer him to the Police Court, where they refer him to the doctors. The old man was brought to a halt in the midst of a temperance sermon on Pennsylvania avenue this morning by Lieut. Austin, and another attempt will be made to have him handed over to the keeper of the workhouse.

For Better or Worse,  
 John Reedy and Norah Welch.  
 Jordan Johnson and Frankie Herd.  
 Frank Harris and Laura Mason.  
 Dennis T. Thomas, Prince George County, Md., and Eliza Brooks, D. C.  
 Samuel Field and Maggie James.  
 Alpheus L. Edwards, of Nelson County, Va., and Nancy Lloyd, city.  
 Peter Huntington and Eleanor Lyles, of Fairfax County, Va.

## "R"

## September and October.

"How R you?" said a fat aristocratic oyster to his corpulent neighbor, General Cham, this morning, and the latter replied that he was well, but regretted that the season for the general attack upon his friend's race had arrived. "Well, it's all one to me, I guess," said the oyster, "for the fight against me really began last month, when some people spelled the month or R just for the sake of taking us in. Oysters do not appear to have any rights now that any one respects. Indeed we are in a stew nearly all the time."

The speaker then shut his mouth, took a pull at his beard and continued with him self in silence. The saloon, eating-house and restaurant keepers were quite gay, though, when this morning's sun arose and ere the average citizen was astir the old familiar sign, "Raw Box" was dangling from the windows and doors of all places in the city where oysters are sold. At one place there came a good-humored cocktail architect actually singing, the sentiment of his warblings being something like this:

"Oh, don't you remember  
 That this is September  
 And with it the water appears?  
 Fit food for the gods,  
 Kings, princes, or lords,  
 And for him we ring three cheers."

"Oh, don't you see  
 That the oyster, he,  
 Is the greatest of all chickens.  
 In stew or broil,  
 Boiled, baked or in oil,  
 He's bound to play the dickens."

Receive him with joy,  
 Say "welcome old boy!"  
 Sing loud his praises afar:  
 Sleep him gayly on his shell,  
 And the merry welcome swell,  
 Of his toothsome oyster with his R."

Another restaurant keeper informed THE CRITIC that oysters would be fat and plentiful this season and cheap. "Everybody has learned to eat oysters," he said, "and the outlook is that we will have a lively season. Why, you would not believe it, but by a rough calculation last season I found that over 3,000,000 oysters were eaten in Washington, and if they had been laid out end to end they would have stretched out over fifteen miles. And THE CRITIC was also reminded that the oyster's return would bring with it a source of annoyance, even more objectionable than the cry of the vendors of vegetables—the toot of the tin horn and the ear-splitting cry of "De oyster man am now passin' by." One of these fiends was found in the rear of a lumber yard on Ohio avenue this morning, polishing up his horn, bucket, and measures, evidently anticipating a brisk campaign.

"De first man on de street," said he, in response to the reporter's inquiry, "Ketches de first call, and makes a route what pays during their whole season. Dat's why I'm a gittin' ready so soon, and afore you is outer de to-morrow mornin' yer will hear me a movin' thorough de streets, a movin' of de public dat de oyster am on deck agin."

The jolly little red bird, too, comes to the front prominently at this time. With to-day the slaughter of these innocents began legally. It is true that red birds have been displayed in the markets for several weeks, but they were not killed within the time specified by law. They were ignored, of course, by all law-abiding citizens on that account, but to-day everybody was manning them, and the restaurateurs who displayed them upon their counters were happy. Out in the marshes sanguinary gunners were seen by the score, crouching low for a favorable shot. Indeed, there was to be a gunner far every bird, but the gunners were happy, and blazed away and connected marvelous stories to relate of their success when they returned home.

Fire.

The fire alarm at 1 o'clock last night summoned the Fire Department to the old Union League Hall, No. 432 Ninth street northwest. The companies arrived promptly on the scene and succeeded in preventing what might have proved a very disastrous fire. A number of large sheets of brown paper for printing offices, on the second floor, had been carried out of the office during the afternoon and put on the stairway leading to the third story. In the evening the door at the foot of the stair-case was left open, and it is thought some one with a lighted cigar went up-stairs and laid down on the paper on the stairway, and was ably caught fire from his cigar. The damage done by fire and water was slight to both the printing office, on the second floor, and to the paper warehouses of George Hill, Jr., on the first floor. The stairway was, in places, entirely consumed, and the walls of the building with smoke, making a loss of about \$250.

The alarm at 6:30 this morning was caused by fire in a frame stable in alley between Sixteenth and Seventeenth and L and M streets. The fire, which was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, and which, it was stated, was owned by Louis Burrows, and badly damaged two frame houses, owned by G. W. Turley and occupied by Martha Green and Fanny Simms. The damage is about \$200.

The Reopening of the Schools.

Our public schools open on Monday next and the young idea will start in afresh. Perhaps there are some youngsters who would have preferred a longer vacation, but strict propriety requires that they shall return to their books, and they will return from a short drink, tobacco, opium, coffee, tea, flesh of swine, etc. We are to live above sinning and saved by the precious blood of Jesus. Yours, etc.,

I. R. YEAGUE, M. D. (Lutheran).

A Piece of Hemp

came tied to one of the cards from Cincinnati. The writer of the letter expresses his charitable desire to tie the remainder of the card to his throat and choke him gradually but firmly to death.

The Coming Regatta.

As stated in yesterday's CRITIC the crews and individual oarsmen who propose to participate in the great national regatta to be held here September 8 and 9 will begin to arrive in large numbers about the last of this week. Most of them bring their own trainers along with them, and will go into active work upon their arrival here.

Mr. Kennedy, of Portland, Me., is already here, and will train the Potomac boys, while Mr. Davis, who is also from Portland, will look out for the interests of the St. Paul, Minn., crew. Our local committee to-day received letters from the Crescent and Fairmount Clubs of Philadelphia, asking that quarters be secured for them. These clubs will arrive on Monday next.

The Burlington, Iowa, Rowing Club will arrive here to-morrow. They will be the guests of the Annapolans. The Atlantas, of New York, have telegraphed that they will arrive Monday evening. This club will be the guests of the Annapolans.

A Fictitious Pension Claim.

In the Police Court to-day, the charge was made by Detective McDevitt against Government officers that George W. Black had defrauded the Pension Office by certain misrepresentations. The charge is made that he did make and cause to be made and presented to the Commissioner of Pensions for payment of certain false claims against the United States for a pension for the said George W. Black, for disabilities claimed to have been incurred by Black in the military service of the United States, in the Twelfth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, he, said Black, knowing such claim to be false. The application made to-day was that the accused should be admitted to bail pending a future examination, and Judge Bundy fixed the bail at \$2,000 for examination on September 15th instant.

## THE NEWPORT TRAGEDY.

## Official Report of the Torpedo Explosion and Killing of Edes and Spalding.

The Secretary of the Navy to-day received the following report from Capt. Thomas O. Selfridge, in charge of the torpedo station at Newport, R. I.:

"It becomes my heartrending duty to report to the Department, and to send news that, by a premature explosion of a torpedo, two valuable officers, Lieut. Commander B. L. Edes and Lieut. L. G. Spalding, were instantly killed. I was in my office at the time of the explosion, and the facts I have gathered from those who witnessed it are as follows: The class at the close of their term were engaged in laying out mines for the protection of a harbor. The deceased officers were carrying out a torpedo in a small boat when it exploded. The class had been previously instructed in all of the details of the operation and a diagram drawn, so that, by a premature explosion of a torpedo, two valuable officers, Lieut. Commander B. L. Edes and Lieut. L. G. Spalding, were instantly killed. 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